

Watershed Committee (WC) Meeting
October 20, 2010, 7:15 p.m.
Meeting Notes

Attendance: Steve Cardon, Julie Palakovich Carr, Anne Goodman, Jim Ingle, Alicia Hosmer, WC members; Lise Soukup, DPW Environmental Engineer & staff liaison, Amanda Matheny, Watershed Protection Specialist & staff liaison.

Environment Commission Updates:

- S. Cardon reported:
 - The City hosted the multi-city summit on October 14, 2010 at Croydon Creek Nature Center. The meeting began at 7:30pm and involved discussion of environmental issues, programs etc. Five cities participated in the discussion. The major topics of discussion included: Stormwater Management, Outreach, Volunteers and Recycling, Greenspaces and Green Re-modeling, Resources/Bureaucracy/Government Entities and Climate. At the culmination of the meeting, it was agreed that this type of forum would be beneficial to have twice per year. Gaithersburg offered to host the next multi-city meeting, though a date has not been set.
 - The Environment Commission held a stream clean-up of the Maryvale Park Tributary (RC-03) on October 17, 2010 at 2pm. The Commission hopes that future cleanups of this stream will involve greater community participation.
- Environmental Mgmt. Division:
 - The division recently held its annual retreat on October 13, 2010 to discuss current programs and prioritize workloads for the next twelve months.
 - The division has begun working on developing the FY12 budget.
 - The SOS program volunteers have completed 75% of monitoring sessions for this fall. The final monitoring session of Cabin John will be held in the first weekend of November.

Discussion:

Lise Soukup presented progress of the City's consultant, KCI Technologies, and the sub-consultant, Center for Watershed Protection, on the Cabin John Creek Watershed Study. This study started in February, 2010, and is scheduled to finish by January, 2011. The Mayor and Council will review the study's recommendations in a work session sometime in the first quarter of 2011.

- Further discussion was had on the proposed stormwater management projects in the Cabin John watershed.
- Lise communicated that each proposed site may have a different strategy for improvement of the functionality of the systems.
- Committee members followed up with thoughtful questions about how to best reach out to interested community members about these projects.

- Use of the internet was decided to be a very effective way to reach out to the community for updates on stormwater management facility projects.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next WC Meeting

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Crab conference room at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.**